

Les Misérables

MAY 14 TO JULY 19

Audiences are anything but miserable after seeing this **Tony Award-winning musical**, which made household names of characters such as Cosette, Marius, Jean Valjean and Inspector Javert. Victor Hugo's sweeping 1862 novel of redemption and revolution comes to life through **show-stopping numbers** such as "Master of the House," performed to bawdy perfection by Spirit of the West frontman John Mann. At the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage (page 57).



BIG FUN FOR WEE ONES

Don't be fooled by the name: everyone—from tiny tots to troublesome teens to groovy grandmas—can find something amusing at the Vancouver International Children's Festival (May 11 to 18; page 54). This year's performers include beloved musician Fred Penner (**pictured**), circus performers CirKids, inventor/musician Al Simmons and jugglers The Gizmo Guys. Thanks to **face-painting, kite-making, storytelling and more**, boredom is banished, guaranteed. For more family-friendly fun, head to St. George's School Fair (May 2; page 54). Be sure to arrive early, to beat the around-the-block line-up.



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JOEL PLASKETT

MAY 9

"Hey good looking, why the frown? You always look better when it's upside down."

So begins "Nowhere With You," the hit song by **Canada's indie-rock darling**, Joel Plaskett. Born in Nova Scotia, he still performs regularly with his guitarist father and has the type of baby face and aw-shucks charm that mothers adore. See him this month at the Vogue Theatre (page 56).

FUNNY BUSINESS

- Flight of the Conchords** (pictured) Quirky fun from the New Zealand comedy duo, at The Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts (May 10; page 54).
- Jay Mohr** Celebrity impressions (such as a great Christopher Walken) by the former *Saturday Night Live* star, at the River Rock Show Theatre (May 23; page 54).
- Jeff Foxworthy** Observational humour and redneck-mocking, at GM Place (May 28 page 54).



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PAUL ANKA

River Rock Show Theatre
The Canadian singer, songwriter and former teen idol (page 56).



WHEELS, WINGS AND WAVES

Science World at Telus World of Science
The giant LEGO show ends this month (page 60).



DIANA KRALL

Orpheum Theatre
The sultry jazz singer was born in Nanaimo, on Vancouver Island (page 54).



YOSHIDA BROTHERS

Vogue Theatre
The Japanese brothers mix musical styles (page 56).



OTHELLO

Bard on the Beach
Shakespeare's timeless tale of love and betrayal (page 57).



JULIO IGLESIAS

Red Robinson Show Theatre
The suave singer croons romantic ballads in 14 languages (page 56).

